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#### January 22, 2019

North Dakota Public Service Commission

Attn: Mr. Jerry Lein
Public Utilities Division
600 E Boulevard Ave, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Subject: Clean Energy 1 Wind Project

Wind Turbine Road Shifts- Morton County

Case No. PU-11-662

Mr. Lein,

On August 29, 2012 the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) approved a Certificate of Site Compatibility (Certificate) to ALLETE Clean Energy for the Clean Energy 1 Wind Project (Project). The Certificate was subsequently amended on September 6, 2018. ALLETE Clean Energy will be continuing Project construction throughout 2019.

During Project engineering, access road shifts in Morton County were needed to improve the Project's constructability. As a result, ALLETE Clean Energy is requesting PSC approval for access road shifts as shown on the attached Figure 1.

The Project Certification pursuant to Order Provision number 34 of the Certification Relating to Order Provisions - Wind Energy Conversion Facility Siting which is part of the Commission's Order of Continuing Suitability, dated August 29, 2012 can be found in Attachment A.

The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office concurrence of "No Effect" can be found in Attachment B of this letter.

If any additional information is required by the PSC for approval please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel McCourtney

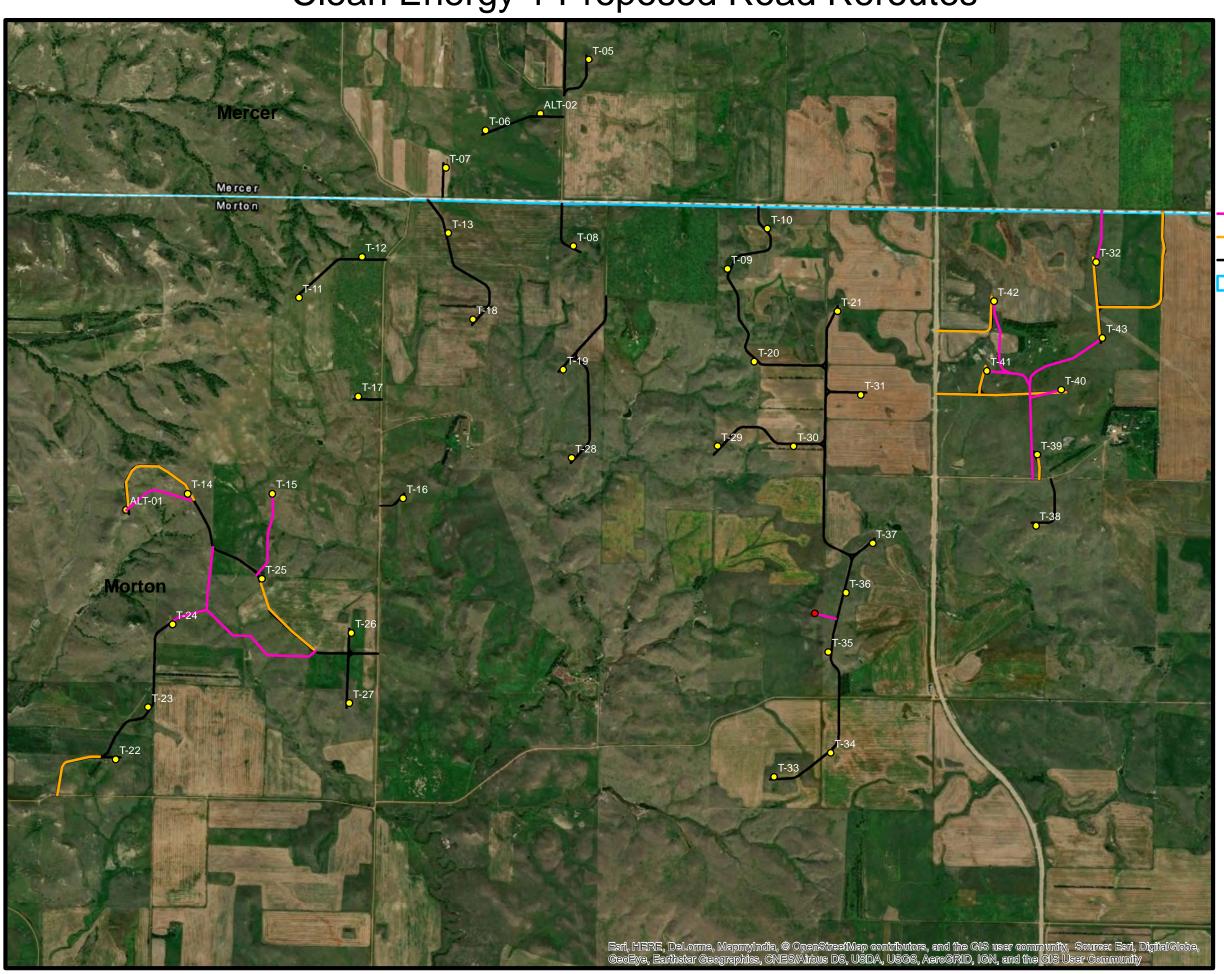
**ALLETE Clean Energy** 

Cc. Wells McGiffert

John Hollingsworth

David Moeller (electronically)

# Clean Energy 1 Proposed Road Reroutes

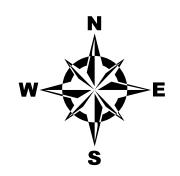


## Figure 1

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## Legend

- Clean Energy 1 Permitted Turbine Locations
- Clean Energy 1 Met Tower Locations
  - New access road reroutes requiring PSC approval
     PSC permitted access road that will not be built
     Access roads permitted by NDPSC
- County



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#### Attachment A

## STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ALLETE Clean Energy. Clean Energy 1 Wind Project Siting Application Case No. PU-11-662

#### CERTIFICATION OF JOHN HOLLINGSWORTH

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA	)
	) ss.
COUNTYOFADAMS	)

John Hollingsworth being first duly sworn upon oath, states and alleges as follows:

- I. Iam <u>Project Development Manager</u> for the Clean Energy 1 Wind Energy Project ("Project"), which is owned by ALLETE Clean Energy (ACE). I am employed by ALLETE Clean Energy, and have the authority to bind ACE with respect to the certifications made herein.
- 2. I provide this Certification pursuant to Provision No. 34 of the Certification Relating to Order Provisions Wind Energy Conversion Facility Siting ("Certification"), which is part of the Commission's Order of Continuing Suitability, dated August 29, 2012 ("Order") in the above-referenced docket.
- 3. Since issuance of the Order, Minor change to an access road has been made to improve constructability. A figure comparing the layout as approved by the Commission to the current Project layout is attached hereto as Figure 1.
  - 4. The Project layout complies with all requirements set forth in the Commission's Order.
- 5. No cultural resources were identified within the newly surveyed areas, and no cultural resources will be impacted by the layout modifications. The cultural resource reports have been reviewed by the North Dakota State Historical Society, and copies of their responses are attached as Exhibit B.

#### Attachment A

- 6. The Project layout modifications and associated construction activities will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance areas within the designated Project site.
- 7. The Project will comply with the Commission's Order, including applicable siting laws and rules.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

John Hollingsworth

Subscribed and sworn to before me This 2 day of January, 2019

Notary Public

CASSEF VALENTINE BRADSHAW NOTARY PUBLIC - MINNESOTA My Contrission Expires Jan 31, 2019



Doug Burgum Governor of North Dakota

January 7, 2019

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Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums since 1986 Ms. Brittany Brooks
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ND SHPO Ref: 12-0189 ND Public Service Commission (PSC) "Addendum II to the Clean Energy I Wind Farm: A Class III Intensive Cultural Resource Inventory in Morton and Mercer Counties, North Dakota"

Dear Ms. Brooks,

We reviewed ND SHPO Ref: 12-0189 ND Public Service Commission (PSC) "Addendum II to the Clean Energy I Wind Farm: A Class III Intensive Cultural Resource Inventory in Morton and Mercer Counties, North Dakota," and find the report acceptable. There has been a good faith effort to identify and avoid impacts to "Significant Sites," provided the project remains as described and mapped in this BCA report, and that the recommendations on page 13 continue to be followed.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have questions please contact or Susan Quinnell at <a href="mailto:squinnell@nd.gov">squinnell@nd.gov</a> or (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

Claudia J. Berg

Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota